

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A bone anchor comprising:
an anchor body configured to be retained within bone, the anchor body defining a path for passage of a member through the anchor body, the anchor body including a restrictor defining an opening having a first portion ~~for~~ permitting passage of a the member therethrough, and a second portion restricting passage of the member therethrough,
the restrictor being configured such that movement of the member being movable between the first and second portions in a direction non-parallel to a direction of passage of the member through the opening is not in a direction of passage of the member along the path through the anchor body.

a 2. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 1 wherein the restrictor includes an edge lining a wall of the opening.

3. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 2 wherein the edge is oriented obliquely to a direction of passage of the member through the opening.

4. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 2 wherein the restrictor includes multiple edges lining the wall of the opening.

5. (Currently Amended) The bone anchor of claim 4 wherein at least some of the edges are oriented at the same oblique angle relative to ~~the~~ a direction of passage of the member through the opening.

6. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 4 wherein at least some of the edges are oriented parallel to each other.

8/7. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 1 wherein a dimension of the second portion is narrower than a diameter of the member.

9/ 8. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 1 wherein the opening is triangular in shape.

10/ 9. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 1 configured such that the member is movable between the first and second portions substantially perpendicularly to a direction of passage of the member through the opening.

11/ 10. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 1 wherein the anchor body includes a tissue penetrating tip.

12/ 11. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 1 wherein the anchor body includes a central body member.

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Contd 13/ 12. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 10 wherein the central body includes a driver coupling. H12

14/ 13. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 1 wherein the anchor body includes a resilient member for engaging bone tissue.

15/ 14. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 13 wherein the resilient member has a sharp, proximal edge for penetrating bone tissue. 14

16/ 15. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 1 wherein the anchor body includes multiple resilient members.

17/ 16. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 1 wherein the anchor body comprises a unitary body.

25/ 17. (Original) A tissue repair system comprising:
a first bone anchor including a first anchor body configured to be retained within bone,

a second bone anchor including a second anchor body configured to be retained within bone, and

a flexible member coupling the first and second bone anchors, at least one of the first and second anchor bodies includes a restrictor defining an opening having a first portion for passage of the flexible member therethrough, and a second portion limiting passage of the flexible member therethrough, the flexible member being movable between the first and second portions in a direction non-parallel to a direction of passage of the member through the opening.

26/ 18. (Original) A bone anchor, comprising:

an anchor body configured to be retained within bone, the anchor body including a restrictor defining an opening for passage of a member therethrough, the restrictor including an edge lining a wall of the opening oriented such that upon movement of the member through the opening in a first direction, the member is also moved non-parallel to the first direction.

A 27/ 19. (Currently Amended) The bone anchor of claim 18 wherein the edge is oriented such that upon movement of the member through the opening in a second direction opposite the first direction, the member is also moved ~~non-parallel to the second direction~~ not along the path.
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28/ 20. (Currently Amended) The bone anchor of claim 18 wherein the restrictor includes a second edge lining the wall of the opening, ~~the second edge being oriented such that upon movement of the member through the opening in a second direction opposite the first direction, the member is also moved non-parallel to the second direction.~~

29/ 21. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

placing ~~an~~ a bone anchor in bone, the bone anchor defining a path for passage of a member through the bone anchor, the bone anchor ~~body~~ including a restrictor defining an opening having a first portion for permitting passage of a the member therethrough, and a second portion restricting passage of the member therethrough, and

moving the member between the first and second portions not in a direction of passage of the member along the path through the anchor body in a direction non-parallel to a direction of passage of the member through the opening.

30/ 22. (Original) The method of claim 21 further comprising engaging the member with an edge lining a wall of the opening. 29

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Cont 32/ 24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21 further comprising placing a second bone anchor in bone, the second bone anchor being coupled to the first bone anchor by the member. 29

18/ 25. (New) The bone anchor of claim 1 wherein the restrictor is configured such that moving the member along the path in a first direction causes the member to be moved from the first portion to the second portion.

A2 19/ 26. (New) The bone anchor of claim 25 wherein the restrictor is configured such that moving the member along the path in a second direction opposite the first direction causes the member to be moved from the second portion to the first portion. 18

20/ 27. (New) The bone anchor of claim 1 wherein the second portion is proximal to the first portion.

7/ 28. (New) The bone anchor of claim 4 wherein the edges are located in the first and second portions.

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21/ 29. (New) The bone anchor of claim 1 wherein the restrictor is configured such that when the member is within the second portion the member is restricted from moving along the path in a first direction

22/ 30. (New) 21 The bone anchor of claim 29 wherein the restrictor is configured such that the member is moved from the second portion to the first portion when the member is moved along the path in a second direction opposite the first direction.

23/ 31. (New) 22 The bone anchor of claim 30 wherein the restrictor is configured such that when the member is within the first portion, passage of the member along the path in the second direction is permitted.

Cancel 24/ 32. (New) The bone anchor of claim 1 wherein the restrictor is configured such that movement of the member along the path in a first direction acts to restrict passage of the member along the path, and movement of the member along the path in a second direction acts to permit passage of the member along the path.
